



# CORNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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## A busy start to the year...

It has been a very busy start to the New Year with a buzz of excitement and enjoyment around the school. This newsletter will highlight one of our key events over the last session as well as outline some of the plans for next session.

We would like to welcome our Primary 4 teachers, Mrs Laura Macgregor and Mrs Christine Davies, to our team. We also welcome Mrs Stacey Burns-Clark, to our nursery team, as an additional Senior Childcare Development Worker (SCDW). We currently have two students, Mrs Fiona Mair and Miss Sarah Brown, completing their University placements with us. I am sure all our new staff will be made to feel very welcome in our Cornbank Community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely February break and we look forward to working with you on our return to school.

Kind Regards,

Laura Cameron

Acting Head Teacher

## OPEN DOOR POLICY

At Cornbank Primary School, we offer an open door policy. Should you require to meet with the class teacher please contact the school office. The class teacher will then contact you and an appointment can be made.

Please remember class teachers often have meetings or training courses after school so they will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Mrs Stevenson and I are also available should you wish to speak to us.

## SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are once again collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's for sports and cooking equipment. If you have any vouchers then please send them in to the front foyer to be collected.

## NUT AWARE SCHOOL

We would like to remind everyone that we are a nut aware school. We have several children who have severe nut allergies so we would ask all families to be vigilant about the food products they are sending to school.



## Fantastic feedback from our science open morning...

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January for our science open morning. It was great to see so many families engaging in the different science activities. Please have a look at some of the very positive feedback we received about the morning.

- Such an amazing morning! Lots of fun and very interesting
- Thank you for having us to your open morning, lovely to see the children really 'into' the science experiments
- I'm sure they [children] will love Generation Science - thank you again
- Great to see all the kids doing something different. Well done for putting this together
- Great to see all the work the kids are doing - very interesting and fun
- Lovely to see the pupils engaged and interested in science. P2 loved their soluble/insoluble experiment
- Was really nice to go round the classes - excellent idea. I think science can really peak imaginations especially the hands on stuff. Really liked the morning
- A lot of confusion - but the children seemed to enjoy playing (learning) with the magnets
- Fantastic time playing with bubbles and 'telephones'. Lots of fun activities and a great variety. Well done! :-)
- University of Edinburgh have a doors open day at the Kings Buildings and they do cool experiments i.e. make ice cream and lava lamps - worth noting the date (October)
- Really lovely to get to see all the things the kids have been doing and to see how much they have all learned
- Loved the Genetics done in Primary 6, the class were loving it!
- Loved seeing the children working in class. Also very informative talk from Mr Drysdale - any chance of a list of the resources we can use at home on twitter or such? - Now on website!
- Kids really enjoyed. Was lovely to come in and see the kids working together and they knew lots on the subject
- Great being able to see all the classes. Really interesting to see what the kids are up to!
- Enjoyed seeing the children learning and interacting :-)
- Kids enjoyed it, lots of fun. Good to see how they interact
- Great to see the kids so engaged in their learning. Allows their minds to think of the answers/what might happen/explore why it is happening. Great way to learn how to problem solve. Well done to the teachers for managing the class
- Another great opportunity to see the children happy and having fun discovering new things - this time through science. Terrific to get them interested in this diverse subject, thanks
- Lovely to see such enthusiasm with all the different tasks the children can be involved in
- Another fantastic parent opportunity. It was so nice to hear all that the children are going to be learning and to have the opportunity to see what they do in the classroom. Many thanks for organising, most enjoyable
- Fab selection of sound experiments in P3
- Great to have chance to see what they are up to - can we have science in LOL?
- Nice to see the children involved and interested with a relaxed atmosphere
- So nice to be in the classroom and be part of all the excitement. The children absolutely loved the experiments both in the early years and further up the school. Thank you!
- Any chance of proper milk for coffee? :-)

## Busy Cornbank Children

We have lots of lunch time and after school clubs running in school across this term.

Day	Club	Stage
Monday 12.30-1pm	Hockey	P4-7
Tuesday 3.15-4pm	Chess Club	P5-6
Tuesday 12.30-1.10pm	Choir	P3-5
Wednesday 12.30-1.10pm	Football	P6-7
Wednesday	Guitar	TBC
TBC	Coding Club	TBC
Thursday 12.30-1.10pm	Dance	P1-4
Thursday 3.30-5pm	Karate	P1-7

If you are interested in running or supporting a club for our children, even just for a short time, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

## Rotary Quiz

Good luck to our four P7 pupils who are taking part in this evening's Rotary Quiz. This is an annual event and takes place in Penicuik High School at 6.30pm. You are very welcome to come along and be part of the audience.

## Communication

At Cornbank we are always striving to ensure excellent communication between home and school. Some of our current methods are through whole school newsletters and termly class newsletters, open sessions, parental consultations, Meet the Teacher, phone calls and texts. We have also been working hard to update our school website and are regularly tweeting about our busy days in Cornbank. Please take the time to look at our website and even follow on us Twitter @cornbankps - We have currently 1055 followers and have sent over 5500 tweets. The annual calendar is on the website; the weekly diary is also tweeted and is displayed on the display board in the P3, P4 and P5 playground.

We are always looking for ways to improve our communication and would appreciate your feedback. What methods of communication work well for you? Please let us know if you think there is something we could be doing better. Please return the below slip by 24<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you!

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### Communication Feedback

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

What communication works well and what can be improved...

## IMPORTANT DATES February- April 2017

- 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February - In-service Days for Staff
- 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February - Holidays
- 20<sup>th</sup> February - All return to school
- 21<sup>st</sup> February - Shared Start for P1-3
- 21<sup>st</sup> February - Additional PE for P7
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Author visit for P6 and 7
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February - LOLs due in
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Pupil Voice Groups
- 24<sup>th</sup> February - Partnership Coffee Den
- 27<sup>th</sup> February - Beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight
- 27<sup>th</sup> February - Rugby for P4 and P5 (5 weeks)
- 28<sup>th</sup> February - Primary 3 visit Edinburgh Castle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Special Golden Time
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - New LOLs issued
- 7<sup>th</sup> March - Nursery Coffee Drop ins
- 8<sup>th</sup> March - Cornbank Partnership Meeting 6.45pm at Cornbank PS
- 10<sup>th</sup> March - P2B assembly, families welcome
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March - Auditions for Cornbank's Got Talent
- 16<sup>th</sup> March - Pupil Voice Groups
- 17<sup>th</sup> March - House assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Piano Festival
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Big Pedal starts (2 weeks)
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Parental Consultations 5.30-8pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March - P6 Discover Biking at Penicuik Park
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - P1 and P7 class photos
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - House Treat
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - P6/7 Girls Football Tournament
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Parental Consultations 3.45 - 6.15pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> March - Dress Down for Easter (donate an egg for the Spring Fling)
- 24<sup>th</sup> March - P4/5 Rugby Festival
- 28<sup>th</sup> March - Grandparents Day for Nursery and P1
- 29<sup>th</sup> March - Cornbank's Got Talent
- 30<sup>th</sup> March - P6 Big Day Out at Penicuik HS (PM)
- 31<sup>st</sup> March - Spring Fling
- 31<sup>st</sup> March - Break up for Easter Holidays
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - All return to school for Term 4
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - Primary 6 away to camp



## POLLING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSURE

Cornbank Primary School will be **closed on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** to pupils.

For parents who have concerns regarding this closure the Council carried out a statutory Review of the Scheme of Polling Districts and Places in Midlothian and part of this exercise was a public consultation.

On 17 December 2013 the Council considered the matter and its decision can be found at: <http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/4160/review> of polling districts and polling places for the Midlothian local government area

The relevant Review documents can still be found at:

<http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/799/elections> and voting

If you have any queries concerning the above please contact Allan Brown, Elections Officer on 0131 271 3255 or [elections@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:elections@midlothian.gov.uk)